

**BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS on

Proposed Redesignation of 3 areas [the Milwaukee area (the Counties of Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Washington, Waukesha), Manitowoc County and Door County] from Nonattainment to Attainment of the 1-Hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for Ozone; and

Proposed Adoption of Maintenance Plans (and related transportation conformity budgets) for 5 areas [the Milwaukee area, Sheboygan County, Manitowoc County, Kewaunee County and Door County] for the 1-Hour NAAQS for Ozone.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to ss.285.11(5)and(6) and 285.23 Stats., and s. NR401, Wis. Adm. Code, the Department of Natural Resources will hold public hearings on its proposal to redesignate the counties of Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Washington, Waukesha, Manitowoc, and Door from nonattainment to attainment of the 1-hour NAAQS for ozone and to adopt attainment maintenance plans related to the 1-hour NAAQS for ozone for five areas including the Milwaukee 6-County area (Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Washington, Waukesha), Sheboygan County, Manitowoc County, Kewaunee County and Door County.

Proposed Redesignation

The redesignation to attainment will alter the permitting requirements for new sources of volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions in these areas. Redesignation will raise the major source threshold, change the required emission control technology for major sources and eliminate the need for acquiring VOC offsets prior to construction of major sources and major modifications of major sources. All other aspects of the Wisconsin's ozone control program and the related air quality management program commitments will remain as currently adopted and approved by the U.S.-Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This includes the VOC and nitrogen oxides (NOx) emission control programs embodied in the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Ozone Control, and a continued commitment to air quality monitoring, periodic inventory reports, operation and new construction permits, and other related air quality management efforts.

Maintenance Plans

The Department has also developed Maintenance Plans as part of this Redesignation proposal, which are founded on a regional approach to contingency measures that would address any violation of the 1-hour ozone standard that may occur in the future. Wisconsin worked with the States of Illinois and Indiana, the Lake Michigan Air Directors Consortium (LADCO) and EPA in the development of a Regional Contingency Plan. That plan includes specific regional air quality evaluation triggers and commitments by the states to pursue additional emission control measures if they are necessary to maintain the standard. The contingent response and the identified measures include state and federal programs already planned through 2007 and potential new programs through the maintenance period of 2002-2012.

Because upwind states have been shown by EPA to contribute significantly to ozone problems in Wisconsin and the broader Lake Michigan region, the Maintenance Plans assume the upwind areas comply with the NOx reduction objectives of EPA's NOx SIP call through the maintenance period. Additionally, part of the Maintenance Plans is a continued commitment to the ozone control programs contained in the 2000 regional attainment demonstrations for the year 2007. The continued regional 1-hour ozone attainment demonstration for 2007 and these maintenance plans also assume that existing federal rules and actions that reduce emissions from on-road and off-road mobile sources achieve their projected air quality benefits.

In addition to establishing maintenance plans for the Milwaukee area (, Manitowoc County, and Door County; the proposal includes new maintenance plans for Sheboygan County and Kewaunee County. The new plans will replace all current commitments to discrete contingent control measures with measures founded on this regional approach.

Transportation Conformity Budgets

As part of the Maintenance Plans, this proposal also includes new transportation conformity budgets for VOC and NOx for the five ozone areas for the years 2007 and 2012. Once these budgets are found adequate for conformity assessment purposes by EPA, any current budgets in place for 2002, 2005 and 2007 will be superseded.

This proposal does not apply to the Walworth County Ozone Attainment Maintenance Area. The proposal also does not affect the future development of plans, rules or control programs related to the designation of nonattainment areas for the recently promulgated 8-hour NAAQS for ozone. EPA has not determined the impact of the 8-hour NAAQS for ozone on new source permitting and offset requirements for major sources of VOCs or NOx in Wisconsin, nor the geographic application of 8-hour NAAQS nonattainment designations.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the public hearings on the proposed redesignation and maintenance plans will be held on:

June 24, 2002

Monday
at 1:30 p.m.

Manitowoc Public Library

Balkansky Room
707 Quay St.
Manitowoc, WI

June 27, 2002

Thursday
at 10:00 a.m.

DNR Southeast Region Headquarters

Room 140-141
2300 North Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Milwaukee, WI

Additional technical materials supporting the proposed redesignation request and the proposed maintenance plans, the technical assumptions regarding modeling and emissions and the proposed contingent regional evaluations and contingent emission controls are available from the Department. Please call Robert Lopez at (608) 267-5284 regarding these materials, or, visit the Bureau of Air Management, Wisconsin DNR web-site at http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/air/hot/1hr_redes/index.htm.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations, including the provision of information material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Please call Robert Lopez at (608) 267-5284 with specific information on your request at least 10 days before the date of the scheduled public hearing.

Written comments on the proposed SIP revisions may be submitted to Mr. Robert Lopez, Bureau of Air Management, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707 no later than July 16, 2002. Written comments will have the same weight and effect as oral statements presented at the hearings.

A copy of the Redesignation Proposal may be obtained from:

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Dated at Madison, Wisconsin _____

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Darrell Bazzell, Secretary